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# H. R. 1310

To provide for the management of Voyageurs National Park, and for other purposes.

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. OBERSTAR introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Resources

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## A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Voyageurs National  
5 Park Revitalization Act of 1995”.

6 **SEC. 2. ADDITIONAL RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES AT**

7 **VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK.**

8 (a) **MANAGEMENT PLAN.**—Section 303 of the Act en-  
9 titled “An Act to authorize the establishment of the Voya-

1 geurs National Park in the State of Minnesota, and for  
2 other purposes” (16 U.S.C. 160h) is amended—

3 (1) by inserting “(a)” after “303.”; and

4 (2) by adding at the end the following:

5 “(b) The Secretary shall permit access and use of mo-  
6 torboats, aircraft, hiking, and skiing, on all major lakes  
7 and bays within the park and at least the following inte-  
8 rior lakes: Beast, Cruiser, Oslo, Locator, War Club, Quill,  
9 Loiten, Shoepack, Little Trout, and Mukooda.

10 “(c) Notwithstanding any other provision of law (in-  
11 cluding but not limited to the Endangered Species Act (87  
12 Stat. 884)), the Secretary shall permit access to and use  
13 of snowmobiles on the lakes listed in subsection (b).

14 “(d) The Secretary shall undertake a study on the  
15 cost of constructing and maintaining additional cross-  
16 country ski routes, snowmobile trails, hiking trails, camp  
17 sites, and overnight ski huts to allow access to and use  
18 of the lakes listed in subsection (b). The Secretary shall  
19 complete such study and report to Congress on the results  
20 thereof within six months after the date of enactment of  
21 this subsection.

22 “(e) The Secretary shall authorize at least 200 house-  
23 boats to operate within the boundaries of the park.

24 “(f) Not later than one year after the date of the  
25 enactment of this subsection, the Secretary shall prepare

1 and submit to the Congress a management plan for the  
2 park. In addition to the matters required to be included  
3 in such plan under section 401(b) of this Act and para-  
4 graphs (1) through (3) of section 12(b) of the Act of Au-  
5 gust 18, 1970 (16 U.S.C. 1a-7), the Secretary shall pro-  
6 vide for recreational opportunities pursuant to subsections  
7 (a) through (e).”.

8 (b) RECREATIONAL FISHING.—Section 302 of such  
9 Act (16 U.S.C. 160g) is amended by inserting “(including  
10 the lakes referred to in section 303(b))” after “within the  
11 boundaries of the park”.

12 (c) STUDY OF ORIGINAL EXPECTATIONS OF USAGE  
13 AND CURRENT USE OF VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK.—  
14 Not later than nine months after the date of the enact-  
15 ment of this Act, the Secretary of the Interior shall con-  
16 duct a study and submit a report to the Congress in which  
17 the Secretary compares the recreational developments and  
18 beneficial economic impacts which were expected following  
19 the establishment of Voyageurs National Park to the rec-  
20 reational usage and economic benefits that have occurred  
21 as of the date of the enactment of this Act.

22 (d) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS FOR ADDI-  
23 TIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNI-  
24 TIES.—Section 401 of such Act (16 U.S.C. 160k) is  
25 amended by adding at the end the following: “There is

1 authorized to be appropriated such sums as may be nec-  
2 essary to carry out additional development activities pur-  
3 suant to subsections (b) through (e) of section 303.”.

4 (e) REPEAL OF EXECUTED REPORT REQUIREMENT  
5 RELATING TO WILDERNESS.—Subsection (b) of section  
6 301 of such Act (16 U.S.C. 160f) is repealed.

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